

REMARKS:

Claims 1-13 and 50-60 are presented for examination. Claims 50, 51, 54, 55, 58, 59 and 60 are amended hereby. Claims 14-49 and 61-65 have been withdrawn hereby (without prejudice or disclaimer).

In the June 15, 2006 Office Action, the Examiner indicated that restriction to one of so-called Invention I (claims 1-13 and 50-60 – drawn to allocation of financial instruments, classified in class 705, subclass 37), Invention II (claims 14-49 – drawn to creation of financial instruments and storage of information related to financial instruments, classified in class 705, subclass 35) and Invention III (claims 61-65 – drawn to portfolio management, classified in class 705, subclass 36R) would be required.

In response, applicants hereby elect so-called Invention I (claims 1-13 and 50-60 – drawn to allocation of financial instruments, classified in class 705, subclass 37).

Of note, applicants specifically reserve the right to add generic claim(s) during the prosecution of the application. In addition, applicants specifically reserve the right to file divisional application(s) directed to any non-elected invention/species.

Finally, it is noted that this Amendment is fully supported by the originally filed application and thus, no new matter has been added. For this reason, the Amendment should be entered.

Early and favorable consideration on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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